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1A0KM STATUS (From the Huntsville, LA Hamfest). At the DXCC Forum, Bill, NC1L (of the DXCC Desk) announced that the latest 1A0KM operation has been approved for DXCC credit.

4U1ITU. This past week (August 22-26th) Hannes, DL3NEO, was the operator at 4U1ITU. QSL direct to DK2ZB/Richard Roegner, Simonshofer STR 45, D-91207 LAUF, Germany.

5A, LIBYA (SLIM OF THE WEEK? WFWL!). A station signing 5AARG was active on 14242 kHz starting around 2240z for about an hour on August 26th. The operator stated his name was Ali and he was operating from Tripoli. A stateside station asked how to QSL to him and he replied he could not at this time. Ali was not just giving out 5/9 reports but would give an accurate report and was asking the stations he worked what kind of equipment they were using. Ali indicated he was using a vertical and an ICOM radio.

701AA NEW QSL ROUTE AND STATUS. The INDEXA Net reported that operator Ahmed is safe in Jeddah along with the logs for 701AA. They also reported that the equipment was lost in the war. Those who had a chance to work 701AA back in April, here is a new QSL route: Ahmed Nasser, P.O. Box 7198, Jeddah 21462, Saudi Arabia.

9G, GHANA. The members of the Central Arizona DX Association will be very active in the upcoming contest season as they make plans for a DXpedition to Ghana. Their operations begin October 26th through November 4th and they plan to be an entry in the CQ World Wide SSB Contest, October 29-30th. Operators will be Vince/K5VT/9G5VT, Mike/AA7N0/9G5MB, Warren/KF7AY/9G5WH, Rod/NZ7E/9G5RM, Jack/WA7LNW/9G5JR and Millie/WY7K/9G5MT. Their contest callsign will be 9G5TL. The group will operate from the NOVOTEL, Accra, Ghana, West Africa. This is the first major contest operation from Ghana since 1982. Operations will be observed by members of the Ghana Amateur Radio Society. Outside the contest the group will have 3 stations working 160-10 meters including WARC bands. Operation will include SSB, CW and RTTY modes. During the SSB contest the group will operate in the multi-single category. QSL 9G5TL via KG7XC, Jack Sheldon, Jr., PO Box 31898, Mesa, Arizona 85275-1898. QSL other callsigns via home calls. For more information on this DXpedition contact Rod Mack, NZ7E, at (702) 782-9758 extension 34.

A second group of members from the Central Arizona DX Association and

friends from the UK (an all FOC group) will follow the SSB operation of 9G5TL to Ghana for a multi-multi or multi single operation in the CQ WW CW contest, between November 20th to November 30. The contest takes place November 26-27th and their contest callsign will be 9G5NN. The following operators will be active from the same location as the first group: Mike/KC7V/9G5MF, Tony/N7BG/9G5TR, Jim/K7GE/9G5JR, Roger/G3SXW/9G5RW, Rob/GM3YTS/9G5RF and Chris/G4FAM/9G5CH. Like the SSB group, they will be active on all bands, all CW with some RTTY. QSL 9G5NN via G3SXW. For more information on this group contact Mike Fulcher, KC7V, at (602) 585-4800 or 1-800-922-7887.

Meanwhile, John, GM0FQV, arrived recently in Ghana and will be there working on a construction project for the next couple of years. John was signing GM0FQV/9G1, but as of the past weekend he has received his 9G1JB callsign. He has been heard on 15 and 20 meters SSB recently around 2300z. QSL only to G4XTA.

HS, THAILAND. Fred, K3ZO, is again operating as HS0ZAR. This time he will be there until October 10th. Also, he will be spending a few days in Singapore where he will attend the IARU Region 3 Conference. Look for him on 20 meters CW between 1130-1600z. He states that he will give 40 meters a try (Bangkok sunset 1119z, sunrise 2307z). Fred reports that 80 meters is still a no-no in Thailand except for special expositions, expeditions and contests. So he does not expect to be able to operate 80 meters or the WARC bands. QSL to K3ZO or via the bureau.

JU1HC QSL INFO CORRECTION. Japan DX News reports a correction in the QSL information of JU1HC. QSL via JA2DDN, Hideo Kirii, 1-73-2 Amatsuka-cho Nishi-ku, Nagoya-city, 451 Japan. This operation will go QRT on August 31st.

KH0, SAIPAN ISLAND. JA6CNL (KR4VN) will be active from here as KH0/KR4VN from September 10-13th. Suggested frequencies are: CW - 7025, 10102, 14025, 18070, 21025, 24895 and 28025 kHz and SSB - 7080, 14195, 18150, 21295, 24950 and 28495 kHz. There may be a little activity on 80 meters. QSL via JA6CNL, PO. Box 11, Yahata, Kitakyushu, 805 Japan or via JARL.

PY0, FERNANDO DE NORONHA. There will be activity again from PY0ZFB between September 3-5th. QSL via JL1KSI.

SV/A, MOUNT ATHOS. Arie, 4X6U0 (via N3KK), reports that a few German operators have just recently finished setting up RTTY equipment for Monk Apollo. SV2ASP/A was active on RTTY a few weeks ago, presumably to test the equipment. Apollo (SV2ASP/A) will be very active on RTTY (which is now reportedly his favorite mode) in October, or possibly sooner. The best time to catch him is on Sundays after he has finished his work around the monastery.

V5, NAMIBIA. In October, (during the CQ WW SSB Contest) a group will be active from Namibia. Their callsign has not been made available as of yet nor has the complete list of operators. Some of the operators that were mentioned are N0AFW, W5/AH9B and NH6UY. It was reported that Pat, NH6UY, is taking satellite gear on this trip. Also, Peter, N0AFW, will head-up this DXpedition and he may still have some spaces available for

operators if you're interested.

V7, MARSHALL ISLANDS. Ken, V73C, reports that he will be assisting in a big V7X operation in the CQ WW SSB Contest (October 29 and 30th). The other operators who will be there are KH6HH, KH6M and AH6IO. QSL (direct) to KH6HH.

VK9, COCOS-KEELING ISLANDS. JA3IG will be active as VK9IG from Cocos Keeling Island from September 7-10. Operations will be on 40-10 meters CW/SSB. QSL via JA3IG.

VK9MM CARDS (ANOTHER ROUTE). Ken, V73C, and Murray, WA4DAN, who were operators of VK9MM DXpedition and were recently at the Huntsville Hamfest, stated if anyone is having trouble getting a VK9MM card, send one card and a SASE to Murray, WA4DAN. Both Murray and Ken have copies of the VK9MM logs.

WHERE IS ROMEO (3W3RR, 5A0RR, P5RS7, etc)? Romeo made a surprise visit to the Huntsville, AL Hamfest. He is reportedly a guest of Verne, W8BLA, and attended the DX dinner banquet. He offered no new information or current details on the DXCC status of his past 5A and P5 operations. However, at the DXCC Forum, Bill, NC1L (of the DXCC Desk) announced that the P5RS7 documentation has been translated from Korean into English, and is being reviewed. He also mentioned they are still waiting on documentation for the 5A0RR operation. Several people have reported that Romeo told them that he will be taking a couple of years off from DXpeditioning.

YA, AFGHANISTAN. OPDX has received QSN reports from the Southern states and East coast stations that there has been activity on 20 meters CW from a YA/RW6AC (with a weak signal). This station has not been heard since OPDX first reported it back in May and at that time there was an indication this station would only be there through the first week of June. Check around 14010 kHz between 1100 and 1230z. QSL to Box 16, Armavir, Russia.

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